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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING May 26, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spratt called the meeting of May 26, 2015, to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Hurlock Town Office located at 311 Charles Street. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Councilman Earl Murphy said the opening prayer. The roll call was then taken. Those in attendance were: Councilmembers Jerry Rhue, Bonnie Franz, Charles Cephas, Earl Murphy, Attorney Robert Merriken, Mayor Joyce Spratt, and Administrator John Avery.

Councilman Cephas made a Motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Rhue seconded the Motion. With all in favor and no one opposed, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 4-0.

6:05 P.M - The Meeting was turned over to Mr. Merriken for the purpose of the Rezoning Hearing for the 206 and 210 S. Main Street properties. The Finding of Facts and evidence presented during the hearing are separate from these minutes.

10:10 P.M. – The meeting returned to regular Town business.

Minutes for two meetings; April 13, 2015 and April 27, 2015 were voted on. With all in favor and no one opposed the minutes for both meetings were approved with a vote of 4-0.

County Councilman Rick Price Report - Councilman Rick Price spoke about the Sprinkler Ordinance. One or two family homes will not be affected by this ordinance until June 30, 2015. After July 1st, the Sprinkler Ordinance will go into effect.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Spratt reported that a new business will be coming to town on or around June 1st. On June 8th, a meeting on the budget will be held for approval by the Council.

On June 12th Peter Franchot will be meeting with Mayor Spratt, Administrator Avery at the Town Office. The council is welcome to join them at the Town Office for lunch. On June 13th a Grand Re-opening will be held at Food Rite in Town.

The Hurlock Police Department reported that in April there were 1,033 calls for service, traffic incidents, etc.

New Business – Town Attorney Robert Merriken presented Budget Ordinance 2015-6. Council man Cephas then introduced the Ordinance.

Councilmen Comments – Councilman Murphy had questions regarding availability of grants. He spoke of a home that was broken into in Prospect Heights. The police response time was 20 minutes.

Councilman Cephas stated if the police were on another call that would not have been a slow response. Councilman Cephas expressed his thoughts on how the matter was handled.

Public Comments – Jamie Monroe stated there is a Gazebo located on Academy Street that she feels is too close to the road.

Patricia Eskridge asked when the vacant council seat will be filled.

Monroe Quailes thanked everyone for their prayers and thoughts in his daughter's death.

There being no further business or discussion, Councilman Murphy made a Motion to adjourn. Council man Cephas seconded the Motion. With all in favor and no one opposed, the Motion to adjourn was passed and carried with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

John Avery

Clerk/Treasurer

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Council members